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## NOMINATING BALLOT FOR DIVISION OFFICERS

1955

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
<u>President-Elect</u> 1 year			
<u>Council Representative</u> 3 years			
<u>Member-at-Large</u> 2 years			

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### Instructions

1. On the ballot above, please insert the names of members whom you wish to nominate for office in the Division of Clinical Psychology. You are urged to submit three names for each office. Officers to be nominated are: President-Elect, three Council Representatives, and one Member-at-large. In the case of representatives, the three receiving the highest number of votes will be nominated. Any member of the Division may be nominated for these offices, except that for the Presidency only Fellows are eligible. Renomination of Division representatives shall not be permitted after three years on the Council without at least one year intervening. Members-at-Large may serve no more than two consecutive terms. The President may serve for one year only.
2. The Elections Committee would like to call your attention to the following lists. In the first list are given the names of members who have served on the Executive Committee in the past, and of committee chairmen who are serving in that capacity now or who have served in the last three years. The second list has been drawn up by the Elections Committee, in accordance with a new method which the Executive Committee voted (at the 1954 annual meeting) to try out on an experimental basis. It is offered not for the purpose of influencing your choice but because, in the past, many members have felt

insufficiently familiar with the qualifications and availability of possible candidates to exercise the right to nominate. All of the persons in the second list have been contacted and have expressed their willingness to run for office if nominated. We strongly urge that you refer also to the Division roster in the APA directory to obtain names of additional candidates.

Present and past officers and committee chairmen:

President-Elect	Jean W. Macfarlane	(1956)
Council Representatives	* Ruth Tolman * Joseph Zubin Victor C. Raimy Anne Roe Robert R. Holt Helen D. Sargent	(1955) (1955) (1956) (1956) (1957) (1957)
Members-at-Large	George S. Klein Roy Schafer	(1955) (1956)

Past Presidents: E. Doll, L. Shaffer, D. Shakow, D. Wechsler, C. Rogers, N. Cameron, S. J. Beck, O. Hobart Mowrer, W. A. Hunt, President 1954-55 Harold M. Hildreth.

Former Divisional Representatives not now serving as officers: D. Rapaport, D. Wechsler, R. C. Challman, C. M. Louttit, M. Brenman, S. Rosenzweig, J. B. Rotter, S. R. Hathaway, Robert E. Harris, Ann Margaret Garner, Nicholas Hobbs, James G. Miller.

Former Member-at-Large not now serving as officer: James G. Miller.

Present and former committee chairmen (1953-1955) not now serving as officers: Joseph Bobbitt, Albert Ellis, Donald Grummon, Ruth Hubbard, Goldie Kaback, E. Lowell Kelley, Ija Korner, Lewis Levine, Maurice Lorr, Stanley Marzolf, Boyd Mc Candless, James Miller, Frances Perce, Albert Rabin, Wally Reichenberg-Hackett, Thomas W. Richards, Edwin Scheidman, Emmanuel Schwartz, Julius Seeman, Joseph Shoben, Charles Strother, Percival Symonds, Clare Thompson.

Additional suggestions

<u>President</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Member-at-Large</u>
Starke Hathaway	John Bell	Frances S. Alexander
George Kelly	S. L. Garfield	Herdie Deabler
L. Joseph Stone	Ruth Hubbard	Herman Feifel
Charles R. Strother	James Layman	Sam B. Kutash
	George Lehner	Robert B. Morton
	H. B. Molish	Edward I. Strongin
	Robert I. Watson	

\* Not eligible for reelection this year.

3. Please fill in and return the sheet containing your ballot in the enclosed envelope to Dr. Helen D. Sargent, The Menninger Foundation, Topeka, Kansas, by March 20, 1955. The secretary will forward all ballots to Dr. William A. Hunt, Chairman, Elections Committee.

William A. Hunt, Chairman  
Samuel J. Beck  
Ann M. Garner  
Harold M. Hildreth  
Robert R. Holt.

#### PROPOSED APA REORGANIZATION

We have received a request from Dr. Harlow, chairman of the Policy and Planning Board, for an indication of Division 12's attitude toward the proposed reorganization of the APA into 6 divisions based upon the interest groups which emerged from the Adkins factor analysis (See American Psychologist, May, 1954.) The Executive Committee will discuss the issues at its mid-winter Board meeting in Chicago the last of February, but we are anxious also for reactions from the membership. Let us hear from you. (Your secretary is Dr. Helen D. Sargent, Menninger Foundation, Topeka, Kansas.)

Reactions to the proposal have appeared in the Newsletters of several other Divisions. Those which have been received in this office are quoted below as a sample (though a small and probably not representative one) of the thinking which is going on in other groups.

#### Division of the Teaching of Psychology (message from the President)

"Of various things we might talk about, undoubtedly the most significant angle of the 1954 meeting was the proposal on the part of the Board of Directors to simplify the structure of the APA. From the 17 present divisions, there would be reduction by combination into about six broad areas: Developmental, Experimental & Theoretical, Guidance & Personnel, Consulting, Social, and Measurement. Considerable constructive thought, as well as factor analysis of interests of APA members as shown by overlapping division memberships, has gone into this.

"This proposal is a serious step, to be undertaken only after mature deliberation, not only by APA and Division officers, but by every member as well.

"In our division business meeting, as well as at our symposium on 'The Future of Division 2' there were nearly as many opinions as persons present, but on a forced category basis, it seemed to be that opinion was about equally divided between those favoring this so-called simplification and those who felt that the interests of our Division would be poorly served if we were to be swallowed into another group.

"Our Division's aims are unique in many ways. We represent an area in which almost 50% of APA members earn their living, even though only a small percentage have seen fit to join. We do not represent a subject-matter as does, say, Maturity

and Old age, but rather a technique and a place of work (teaching, on a college campus). We aim more at the improvement of techniques than at the uncovering of facts. We are to quite an extent a small college group, with membership having different outlooks than some divisions whose members are predominantly large-university research-minded specialists.

"In view of our growing program, and the several very spirited symposia this September, my personal worry is that our most burning interests might be submerged if we are combined with several other divisions. Existing as a sub-group, our partial loss of identity might cause to wane personal motivation to supply a good program such as Bill McKeachie developed this past year.

"Fewer divisions might be easier to handle administratively, from the standpoint of our Washington headquarters. So might six states be simpler than 48; but the people of New Hampshire might take a dim view of being merged into a superstate of New England. I think we should think of this both objectively and from an overall viewpoint, and a trifle selfishly as well. Let us each give it some thought from time to time, to have a well-founded opinion when further discussion and a possible vote may be called for."

#### Division of Esthetics (Special committee)

"Communication to: Board of Directors,  
Policy and Planning Board,  
American Psychological Association

"At its recent business meeting, members of Division 10 discussed the suggestion that the number of APA divisions be reduced to fewer, more comprehensive ones. It was the opinion of the group that our Division would fulfill the function best by preserving its present autonomy. The following points were made by members during the discussion with the request that they be transmitted to the Board of Directors.

"I. In every area of psychology, work proceeds from relatively circumscribed thinking and searching to integration with the work done in other areas and with the principles valid for the field of psychology as a whole. Such integration, however, will be fruitful only if work in the particular area has advanced to the point where its specific subject matter and methods have been established sufficiently. This stage has not yet been reached by psychological esthetics. On the contrary, progress has been hampered by the tendency of workers in our field to import the methods of general experimental psychology and to limit the choice of subject matter and procedures to what fits such methods. This unfruitful tendency would be enhanced by premature organizational integration. Clearly, what we need is more consolidation of our own work: stock-taking of the many tasks that await the contribution of the psychologist in the field of the arts and the perfection of methods suited to the requirements of our particular subject.

"II. This search for our identity requires that relations with other areas of psychology be explored open-mindedly and without premature ties to some of them.

If, for instance, esthetics were to emerge in experimental and theoretical psychology, it would find itself in a pigeon hole and thus be prevented from cultivating some of its most promising contacts with other fields, such as clinical and social psychology. In the minds of psychologists such classification might distort the concept of what psychological esthetics is and will be. In fact, it is in the nature of our work to cut across the usual divisions, since the study of the arts involves perception, motivation, learning, education, social relations, therapy, etc. All these channels should be kept open."

#### Division of Maturity and Old Age

"This Division has indicated its disapproval of a recent suggestion by the APA Policy and Planning Board to reorganize the APA. Each Division received copies of the proposal for preliminary consideration by the Executive Committee. There was considerable discussion of the sense of the reply to this Division in the business meeting. All discussion pointed up the feeling that the suggested plan for reorganization would not serve the scientific and professional interests of this Division. The text of the letter to the P & P Board authorized by the Executive Committee follows: 'The Executive Committee of the Division on Maturity and Old Age has instructed me to inform the Policy and Planning Board that they oppose the recommendations of the board to reorganize the APA. The Division believes that the proposed reorganization emerges from evidence which gives emphasis to the "status quo". Since the factorial analysis, which serves at the point of departure, is based on current affiliations it cannot take cognizance of new interests or values as they emerge. Any group which was small at the time of the factor analysis, no matter how active it was and how great its potential, could not determine much of the variance and appear as a common factor. It is anticipated that new interest groups, even though they may overlap concerns of other divisions, may be necessary to promote more effectively the development of new areas in psychology as well as new research.'"

#### Division of Developmental Psychology

"The following statement, read to the members of the Division at the annual business meeting, was unanimously approved by the members and sent to Frank Beach, Chairman of the APA Policy and Planning Board, on September 9, 1954:

" 'The members of the Division on Childhood and Adolescence of the American Psychological Association wish to express their hearty endorsement of the proposal currently under discussion to reorganize the American Psychological Association in terms of 6 or 7 strong divisions reflecting a genuine common concern. We believe that such reorganization will help to resolve problems of artificial separation of scientific and professional interests, duplication of administrative problems, and unnecessary expense to individual members.' "

#### POST DOCTORAL INSTITUTE

Under the chairmanship of Louis Levine and his committee (Hedda Bolgar, Jerome Fisher, Ralph Heine, James Layman, and Joe Shoben) plans for the 1955 Institute are well under way and will be announced in detail in the April Newsletter. The Institute

will be held at San Francisco State College the week preceding the APA meeting. The following topics are under consideration: Psychodiagnosis and Psychotherapy with Children; The Training of Clinical Psychologists; Neurological and Medical Aspects in the Practice of Clinical Psychology; Survey of Recent Diagnostic Techniques; Group Therapy; Philosophy of Science and Clinical Psychology; Research Methods in Clinical Psychology. This list is still subject to revision and suggestions from the membership will be welcomed. Suggestions should be sent to Dr. Louis S. Levine, Department of Psychology, San Francisco State College, San Francisco, California.

#### WORLD FEDERATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Representatives of the 22 U. S. Member Associations of the World Federation for Mental Health met during the Toronto Congress last August to plan ways to make their relationship to the Federation more active and meaningful. It was agreed that one way of achieving this would be to organize working groups which would present reports to the next Congress, which will convene several years hence. It was suggested that all working groups should select as their main theme, 'The Dynamics of Family Life'; a theme broad enough to include the various groups associated with the Federation and of intercultural, as well as interdisciplinary, interest.

Spurred by the success of the Toronto meeting the Associations have taken steps to stimulate, in several communities throughout the country, the formation of such working groups. Dr. Janet Rioch, of the William Alanson White Institute, is chairman of a working group in New York City and others have agreed to organize similar groups in their communities.

It is anticipated that these local groups will be in touch with groups and individuals in other countries to exchange views and pool their findings. An invitation to Member Associations in other countries to participate is being issued through the bulletins of the Federation, **WORLD MENTAL HEALTH**, and members of the U. S. Associations are urged to communicate with interested people abroad.

This plan has the support of the Federation's Executive Board, and the preliminary findings of the working groups will be the basis for a panel discussion at the Annual Meeting in Istanbul, to be held in August, 1955, and at subsequent meetings. It is anticipated that this may lead to larger intercultural studies and be of assistance to the World Federation's secretariat in its international work.

This is an invitation to each Member Association to form local, interdisciplinary working groups. The Steering Committee of the U. S. Member Associations will coordinate the material submitted by the working groups and will welcome your comments and suggestions. Please send these to the chairman, Dr. Gunnar Dybwad, Child Study Association of America, 132 East 74th Street, New York 21, New York.

Robert R. Holt,  
APA Representative,  
World Federation for Mental Health

#### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

There still is division desire for symposia that are coordinated, with the Chairman acting as discussant, reviewer and coordinator. This involves careful planning, early completion of the papers so that the chairman may read and prepare his own discussion. Any persons interested, having bright ideas for a symposium, willing to do the work involved and having in mind a group of persons (3 or 4 at most) who would contribute substantially, should write the Chairman immediately with enough detail in plans for review by the Program Committee. Thought should be given to the productive possibilities of joint symposia with other divisions.

Jean W. Macfarlane, Chairman

#### LATE BULLETIN

A REPORT OF THE MIDWINTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL APPEAR IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF THE MORTORIUM AND APA REORGANIZATION. YOUR REACTIONS ARE STILL WANTED.

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